



# The Bullsheet

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The July TDXS Monthly meeting will be held on July 18 at 7:00 pm via ZOOM. The program will be the video of a presentation from Frank Donovan W3LPL to the Madison (Wisc.) DX Club. The title of the talk is "Improve DXing During Solar Max". The presentation was given in June and is up to date for the current propagation conditions.

Frank is a very well-known contester and dx chaser, and a regular lecturer at DX University. He also writes a propagation column in the Daily DX newsletter. I'm sure that you will find this interesting and informative.

The pdf slide deck is available at [http://www.madisondxclub.org/HF\\_Propagation\\_W3LPL.pdf](http://www.madisondxclub.org/HF_Propagation_W3LPL.pdf)

We hope to see you on Thursday.

## Editor's Note by Allen Brier N5XZ

### FIELD DAY!! FIELD DAY!! FIELD DAY!! FIELD DAY!!

The 2024 multi-club Field Day with TDXS, BVARC, KARS and U of H was again a huge success! (But note we really missed many great TDXS operators...will you PLEASE come out to FD next year??) We made a record score...I don't have the final results yet but well over 5,000 QSO's in CW, Phone and FTx. Once again we operated 10A, and had 10 K3's, great antennas, food, conditions, you name it! Almost everything went so smoothly, it's almost like we know what we're doing!

On the other hand, Hurricane Beryl roared through the greater Houston area last Monday (Richmond and Katy and others were right in the eye of the storm...my first time for that!). No real damage at my QTH (tower did not move) and I am hoping that there is minimal antenna and tree damage for the rest of you in TDXS Land. My small 5500 watt generator kept the lights and fridge on and one room sorta cool.

Looking forward to seeing all of you Thursday night with your hurricane stories!

73/161, Allen N5XZ

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# TDXS Meeting Minutes by Doug Seyler W9LCQ

## TDXS June 2024 Meeting Minutes

### Field Day

Date: June 21-23, 2024

Location: Duhacsek Park, Sugar Land, TX

On June 21-23, 2024 TDXS once again joined with Brazos Valley ARC, Katy ARS and the University of Houston ARC for a Quad Club Field Day operation. Operating, fun and food were definitely on the agenda! Below is a wrap up of the event by Richard Bonica KG5YCU, who was the KK5W Field Day Coordinator:

Field Day 2024 is a wrap!

I want to take time out today to thank everyone that participated in this weekend. I considered it a success on Saturday after lunch. I saw that my image for a group of individuals came together, set up, operated, and ate together. Everyone had each other's back.

I know I set some high goals and wanted a lot. You all stepped up and even in the small space we have, met everyone of them and even one more. I was told it was going to be tight, and that was true, any more any we were going to need to start sharing chairs. We already needed to share rooms. But with flexibility and everyone communicating, it all happened. We even had a few people that were not assigned jobs filling in for those that did not get jobs done, including myself.

Please, when you see Daphne and food team, please let them know what an AWESOME job they did. It is a lot of work to get everything they did done and they still pulled it off. The team even gave us a couple of sit down and severed meals.

When you see Bill and the Antenna team, thank them for being in the heat and getting setup. Bill even stayed there late Fri ,after everyone left, for the delivery of the manlift was going to be late and waited for them. He then showed up early next morning to get it received. And for those who know what happen, that was my first panic and thought we were going up in flames :)

As for Glenn and team, thank them for computers and data collecting. Also Rick Hiller for submitting all that.

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All our teams for helping with tutoring new people and keeping the magic smoke in the boxes in our SSB Room

Jeff McMillen for Satellite points, outside in the dark by himself and every biting pest out there. I personal went out and only made it about 5 min before I was tired of the piranha-mosquitoes eating me alive.

Our CW team deserve a round of applause since they now know the secret of working a 36hr shift and not sleeping. Some even worked CW and Phone too.

And each of our class teachers, thank you. They put together material that definitely was informative and interesting. They also did it with a very tight schedule and got back to contesting too.

And as I said in the beginning, thank each other for an awesome job and teamwork that was put in to the while weekend.

As for next year, hopefully I get pick to lead again and can start earlier in planning and get more organized for an even easier weekend.

P.S. For the one thing that some of us can take away, remember -"Leave water out for the "kids" so they can take care of themselves (Furry or not)" - Thank Kurt - Neeeeoowwww

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Richard Bonica KG5YCU  
KK5W Field Day Coordinator

### Preliminary Results:

QSO – 5224

Points – 9128

Preliminary Score – 18,256

This does not include any bonus points, so this is likely the best score ever for the combined clubs.



# Contest Chairman Report—by Jim Burrough N5DTT

## July

- 1 Canada Day
- 6 Marconi Memorial Contest
- 13 IARU HF World Championships
- 20 North America QSO Party-RTTY
- CQ Worldwide VHF Contest
- YOTA Contest
- 27 Radio Society of Great Britain Islands on the Air Contest

## August

- 3 10-10 International Summer Contest, SSB
- North American QSO Party, CW
- 10 Worked All Europe DX Contest, CW
- Maryland-District of Columbia QSO Party
- 17 North American QSO Party, SSB
- 18 ARRL Rookie Roundup, RTTY
- 24 World-wide Digi Dx Contest
- W/VE Islands QSO Party
- Ohio QSO Party
- Hawaii QSO Party
- Kansas QSO Party

TDXS members participated in several contests in June. Here is their score information as it was found in the 3830scores.com website:

### ARRL Digital Contest 2024 Jun 1

SO1R-24 LP

Call	Remote	QSOs	Op Time	Score	Club
N5DTT		137	11	1,066	TDXS



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## Kentucky QSO Party 2024 Jun 1

SO Fixed HP

Call	Remote	CW Qs	Ph Qs	RTTY Qs	Mults	Op Time	Score	Club
AF5J		35	0	0	24	5:31	1,880	TDXS
K5TIA		24	0	0	15	3	1,020	TDXS

## ARRL June VHF Contest 2024 Jun 8

Single Op-All Modes HP

Call	Remote	QSOs	Mults	Op Time	Score	Club
W5MF		169	81	17	13,203	TDXS

Single Op-All Modes LP

Call	Remote	QSOs	Mults	Op Time	Score	Club
WB5TUF	x	249	108		26,892	TDXS
N5EKO		164	85		14,450	TDXS
AJ4F		144	66		9,504	TDXS
N5DTT		60	40	12	2,400	TDXS
KG5BBF	SO2R	67	34		2,278	TDXS

## All Asian DX Contest, CW 2024 Jun 15

SOAB HP

Call	Remote	QSOs	Mults	Op Time	Score	Club
K5GN(@W5KU)	2BSIQ	1184	438	30	511,584	TDXS
W5GCX		53	46		2,392	TDXS

## West Virginia QSO Party 2024 Jun 15

Single Op HP

Call	Remote	CW Qs	Ph Qs	Dig Qs	Mults	Op Time	Score	Club
K5TIA		15	0	0	6	3	480	TDXS
AF5J		12	0	0	5	2	320	TDXS

Jim, N5DTT



## Raw TDXS/BVARC/KARS/UofH Field Day Score

No official score has been updated for Field Day last month. Here is a screenshot of the raw score on N1MM right after the event (does not include satellite contacts, GOTA or Bonus Points):

Band	Mode	QSOs	Pts	Pt/Q
3.5	CW	244	488	2.0
3.5	FT8	68	136	2.0
7	CW	743	1486	2.0
7	FT4	94	188	2.0
7	FT8	156	312	2.0
7	LSB	346	346	1.0
14	CW	984	1968	2.0
14	FT4	59	118	2.0
14	FT8	73	146	2.0
14	USB	428	428	1.0
21	CW	799	1598	2.0
21	FT4	43	86	2.0
21	FT8	178	356	2.0
21	USB	407	407	1.0
28	CW	213	426	2.0
28	FT4	4	8	2.0
28	FT8	95	190	2.0
28	USB	139	139	1.0
50	FT8	150	300	2.0
50	PSK	1	2	2.0
Total	Both	5224	9128	1.7

Score: 18,256  
1 Mult = 1.0 Q's

Rescore

This is a new record for the multi club event held at Duhacsek Park in Sugar Land! I again want to thank all involved (especially the operators) who made this event so successful. There will be some post Field Day discussion (I hope) to hash over how things went, but for the most part things went very smoothly due to the fact that most aspects were handled by seasoned pros under the leadership of the Field Day Chairman Richard Bonica KG5YCU.

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## TDXS says "HAPPY BIRTHDAY" to these members with birthdays in July:

**Please notify the Editor if I have missed any-one or of any updates:**

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